

Broker Indicted In Hall Failure Freed on Bond

**Charles J. Anastasia Is Held
in \$15,000 on Allegation
He Transacted Business
While Firm Was Insolvent**

Butcher Makes Complaint Witness Says Company's Books Taken to Law Of- fice on Eve of Bankruptcy

Charles J. Anastasia, one of the partners of Hall & Co., bankrupt stock brokers, whose operations caused complaints to be lodged with the District Attorney's office by the creditors living in New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, was held in \$15,000 bail yesterday by Judge Rosak in General Sessions, following his indictment on charges of grand larceny and doing business while insolvent. Anastasia surrendered to Detective Barney Flood at the Criminal Courts Building. He furnished bail and left immediately for Boston, where he is now in business.

The complaint against Anastasia was August F. Grimm, who keeps a butcher shop at 338 Park Avenue. Grimm charges that he delivered twenty shares of Union Pacific, ten shares of Baldwin Locomotive and twenty-five shares of Southern Pacific stock to Hall & Co. for sale, and that at the time of the failure they owed him \$45,700, which he was unable to collect.

Books Removed on Eve of Failure

In addition to the events at the Criminal Courts building, the scheduled hearing in bankruptcy proceedings was held before Referee Coffin at 111 Broadway. The testimony there showed that George W. Morse and George W. Field, of the former firms of George W. Morse & Co. and George W. Field & Co., respectively, removed books, records and furniture from the offices of Hall & Co. to the office of Field Brothers, two floors below in the 10 Broad street building, on the eve of the failure, and that Field had told certain of the employees to destroy copies of letters asking customers for collateral on margin accounts.

George W. Field & Co. became bankrupt several years ago. Field Brothers, also in bankruptcy, was composed of Field's sons, Leon and Kenneth. Morse, who sold his business to Hall & Co. in 1921, paying them \$30,000 to assume \$200,000 in liabilities, was formerly in the employ of Charles A. Stoneham, according to the testimony, and later of George W. Field. Stoneham is owner of the New York Giants, and sold his stock brokerage to E. D. Bier, who is now awaiting trial as a result of the failure of Bier & Co.

Tells of Books' Removal
The testimony as to the removal of books and records from Hall & Co.'s offices was given by Miss Lillian Fitzsimmons, one of the employees. Miss Fitzsimmons said that Field and Lindsay came into Hall & Co.'s offices, and that Louis T. Hall, Anastasia, Morse and Field discussed the business.

On Monday night, before the failure was announced, Miss Fitzsimmons said, the four, with Allen Birchall, an employee; Lea Hargrave, a special partner; George Herget, cashier, and herself were at the Hall offices. Hall and George W. Field, she said, began to remove some of the records and to take them downstairs to the office of Field Bros. These consisted of the blotters the margin book and two checkbooks. She saw Morse with one checkbook. George W. Field had the blotters and Hall the margin book.

Field then superintended the removal of some of the office furniture, Miss Fitzsimmons said, to the office of Field Bros., including two desks and some new typewriters. Leon Field had previously removed an adding machine.

Cabinets Taken Out
Then they began moving out some of the filing cabinet, she said. These contained letters to customers asking for more margin and collateral, the card index containing the addresses of customers, and lists of names. The office boys carried the drawers of the files downstairs one at a time. Miss Fitzsimmons said, and then the cabinets were removed.

The next day Miss Fitzsimmons went to Field Brothers' office to try to get pay that was due her. She saw stuff removed from Hall & Co.'s offices the night before standing around.

"I see you have some of our furniture," she said to George W. Field. "No," Field answered, "this is our furniture."

As to the destroyed records, Miss Fitzsimmons said that Field took letters from the files to show what he wanted torn up.

"Wake" On Night of Failure
It was at Field Brothers that Miss Fitzsimmons learned that there had been a "wake" at the Hotel Joyce the night of the failure, which, she understood, had been attended by Hall and Morse.

Anastasia, Miss Fitzsimmons also testified, had been anxious to pay off some of the customers, including Grimm, but Morse had declared "We are not paying any more bills."

It was said yesterday that the present whereabouts of George W. Morse are not known. He formerly lived at 788 Riverside Drive. George W. Field is believed to be somewhere in New England. The next hearing will be held on December 12 at 3 o'clock.

**Lt. Col. A. G. Thacher, of
308th Inf., Given D. S. C.**
Lieutenant Colonel Archibald G. Thacher, a member of the law firm of Barry, Wainwright, Thacher and S. M. Wainwright, Wall Street, was decorated yesterday with the Distinguished Service Cross at Governor's Island.

Colonel Thacher's mother, his wife and his son and daughter were present as were former officers and men of his regiment, the 308th Infantry, and high ranking officials of the army. The cross was presented to Colonel Thacher by Assistant Secretary of War J. Mayhew Wainwright, a brother member of the law firm. The citation, read by Brigadier General Weigel, was as follows:

"For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy, France, October 14, 1918. While commanding the Second Battalion in a flank march across the Aisne River, Major Thacher, acting with the greatest gallantry and with utter disregard for his own safety, personally made a reconnaissance in the face of heavy, hostile machine gun and shell fire, well in advance of his battalion and thereby saving his command from heavy losses. It was due to his thorough reconnaissance that a subsequent successful attack on this strong hostile position was consummated."

Can't Sell 50c. Pieces for 25c., So He Uses 'Em to Pay His Fine

**Missourian Denounces New Yorkers and a Proud
Citizen Denies We Are Ten-Minute Eggs, but His
Effort, on a Bet, to Prove It Costs Him \$2**

Suppose a motion picture company was about to produce a picture under the title "Blind Bargains."

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Let's quit supposing. Jack Cohen, thirty-seven years old, of 58 Manhattan Avenue, was fined \$2 in West Side Court yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Ryttenberg. The charge was disorderly conduct. Patrolman Hart, of the West Forty-seventh Street station, testified that he had arrested Cohen at Fifty-first Street and Broadway, where he was offering for sale, at a quarter each, sealed envelopes containing 50-cent pieces. Patrolman Hart's complaint against Cohen was that he did not have a peddler's license.

In the talk which he had handed out to the curious crows Cohen referred to his envelopes as "blind bargains, worth 50 cents, for a quarter each."

And this is what Cohen said to the judge:

"You see judge, my friend Bill Wolf is in shoes, and he comes from Missouri, but while he is in New York he lives at 344 West 163d Street. Well, anyway, Bill says to me this morning: 'These New Yorkers is all hard boiled. Ten-minute eggs. You couldn't sell 'em

tickets for the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers with the original cast. They wouldn't pay a nickel to see George Washington tell a lie, and that's what I think of them,' he says to me.

"Well, judge, I'm sticking up for the old town, see? Because I think it's all right. As far as I'm concerned, New York is the cat's whiskers, see? So he bets me that I can't sell New Yorkers 50-cent pieces for a quarter each. We go to the bank and gets us a 100 berries in half dollars, and puts them in envelopes, and I starts out to sell them; and then the cop comes, and we're pinched, and that's all there is to it, judge. It was just a bet; and I guess I lose."

"Didn't anybody buy?" asked Magistrate Ryttenberg.

"Not a one," said Salesman Cohen. "The nearest I got to a sale was when one guy picked up an envelope and smelled it."

The \$2 fine was paid with four of the spurned 50-cent pieces. The clerk of the court didn't smell them. He bit them.

Well, perhaps, as Mr. Cohen says, it was just a bet, and perhaps there isn't any picture coming along in a few days called "Blind Bargains," or something like that.

But, as a matter of fact, there is; and it's a good lively tale, anyway.

E. Bromley Rodgers, convicted of selling stock upon false representations, Rodgers was sentenced to serve from a year and a half to two years in Sing Sing. He selected workmen and others in poor circumstances as his victims. Judge Nott, however, granted a stay in the execution of the sentence to permit Rodgers to file a certificate of reasonable doubt.

Rodgers' scheme, of which he was listed as president, was the Scientific Automobile Company, 174 Worth Street, a co-operative concern that offered employment to its stockholders. He advertised for automobile mechanics.

Christopher M. Thibault, of 223 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, a complainant, said that he had invested \$500, but that he obtained no employment. Another complainant was Leanos Grikos, a die maker of Maspeth, who invested \$200 without being employed by the company.

The total stock sales are said to have reached \$25,000.

**Thief Hits Jeweler With
Pipe, Steals \$2,000 Gems**

While Nathan Chanowitz, a jeweler, was talking over the telephone in his office, Room 816 in Nassau Street yesterday, a man walked in and seized jewels valued at \$2,000 from the desk. Chanowitz turned just in time to see the jewelry taken, but when he attempted to grapple with the thief he was beaten into unconsciousness with a piece of lead pipe.

Some time later, when Abraham Schliff, also a jeweler, who shares the office, came in, he discovered Chanowitz still unconscious on the floor. He notified the police of the Oak Street station and summoned an ambulance from the Beekman Street Hospital.

While his injuries were being treated, Chanowitz told the detective that he had just opened his office and had removed some of his stock from the safe when the phone on Schliff's desk rang. He answered it but cut the conversation short on hearing someone enter. Before he could reach the intruder the jewels had been seized.

Many Bad Checks Cashed
Mr. Lockwood says that several payments from the income for Howland Dartmouth Canfield were made in his behalf to Judge Louis W. Dunn. One item of \$259 was paid by Judge Dunn at the Hotel Commodore. "To repay them for bad checks cashed," and \$150 was paid to the Beaumont Company for a similar purpose. A payment of \$1,200 by Judge Dunn, says the accounting, was used for "an accident to army surgeon" while \$231 in bad checks was taken up in Boston from young Canfield's funds. A trip to Saratoga, to "recover car," cost \$75.

Richard A. Canfield left an estate of \$848,017, and the balance still on hand amounts to \$708,479. The estate was left in trust for Mrs. Genevieve W. Canfield, widow, of Brookline, Mass., who has received income amounting to \$37,114 for Miss Grace A. Canfield, daughter, who has received \$37,521, and for the son, who received and for whom was paid out \$40,553. The son also received under the will of Mr. Canfield a portrait of his father by Whistler.

Son Spent \$46,500
Howland Dartmouth Canfield, one of three heirs of Richard A. Canfield, obtained a Surrogate's Court order in 1915, when he was sixteen years old, allowing him \$5,000 a year to meet the expenses of a college course. The accounting filed yesterday of the father's estate shows that to the time of his death the son had received \$46,553 as his share of the income from the estate.

The young man came to a mysterious death in Honolulu, where he had gone from Los Angeles, and it was reported that he had been poisoned on shipboard. Young Canfield had set a fast pace in Hollywood, where he had a bungalow, but the accounting in the Richard A. Canfield estate reveals for the first time some details of his career in the East. They are set forth by Luke Vincent Lockwood, of Riverside, Conn., executor and trustee of the father's estate.

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Plea in Canfield \$20,000 in Rum Estate Reveals Son's Escapades Here Is Seized

**Payments Made From the
Youth's Annual Allowance
to Redeem Bad Checks
Disclosed by Executor**

Details of the career of Howland Dartmouth Canfield, which ended in his death at the age of twenty-three in Honolulu last August, are contained in the Surrogate's Court petition filed yesterday for the judicial settlement of the estate of his father, Richard A. Canfield.

The elder Canfield had a residence at 9 East Fifty-first Street and also one in Providence. Until District Attorney Jerome and a squad of policemen chopped and hammered their way into the gambling house maintained by him in Forty-fourth Street his place was the most luxurious of its kind in America, at the same time a palace of chance and art museum, with paintings, bronzes and tapestries valued at many thousands of dollars.

As for the stakes for which his patrons played, the richly frescoed ceiling was the limit. Canfield also maintained a summer gambling house in Saratoga. He died in 1914 from the effects of a fall down the stairs of a subway station.

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